Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Other Backward Classes in matters of admission to all educational institutions other than minority educational institutions. State Governments have been advised to take action to enact suitable laws for this purpose for the educational institutions falling under their jurisdiction.

Opening of foreign universities

2770. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of Ministers has concluded its study on the opening of foreign universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government has laid down any guidelines to see that the interest of Indian students does not suffer at these foreign universities;

(d) whether the reservation policy would be applicable to these institutions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Government intend to introduce a legislative proposal at the earliest to regulate the entry and operation of foreign education institutions, with such consultation as are considered necessary.

Overage expenditure to students

2771. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure per student being incurred by Government for education upto graduation level; and

(b) the percentage of GDP being spent for education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The data for the expenditure on education is maintained sector-wise for elementary, secondary and higher education sectors. The higher education sector